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OLYMPIA OAH

In Re:

U.S. LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Appellant

OAH Docket No. 2005-INS-0005 Matter No. G05-66

NOTICE OF HEARING

Office of the Insurance Commissioner

TO:

U.S. Life Insurance Company of the City of New York

Timothy J. Parker Attorney at Law

Kyle Jennings, General Counsel American General Life Insurance Company

Carol Sureau, Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs

Pursuant to the Prehearing Order issued on January 18, 2006, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED That the Office of Administrative Hearings will conduct an adjudicative proceeding in the above matter commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 2420 Bristol Court SW, Olympia, Washington.

This hearing is for the purpose of affording each interested party an opportunity to present evidence pertinent to the issues involved and will be conducted under the authority of chapter 34.05 RCW and chapter 10-08 WAC.

Any party who fails to attend or participate in this proceeding may be held in default in accordance with RCW 34.05.440(2).

If a limited English speaking or hearing impaired party needs an interpreter, one will be appointed at no cost. If you need an interpreter, please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible.

SERVED on the date of mailing.

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By

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Administrative Law Judge 2420 Bristol Court SW

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STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF THURSTON

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, to each party to the proceeding or his or her attorney or authorized agent.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, this <u>16th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2006.</u>

Representative, Office

of Administrative Hearings

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Conference Held:

January 10, 2006

by telephone

Representatives:

Office of Insurance Commissioner

by Carol Sureau

Appellant U.S. Life Insurance Company of the City of New York

by Timothy J. Parker

Kyle Jennings

Summary of Deadlines And Dates		
March 1, 2006	The parties will mail their proposed exhibits and witness lists to each other and to OAH	
March 6, 2006	The parties will mail their proposed rebuttal exhibits and witness lists to each other and to OAH	
March 14, 2006 9:00 a.m.	Full hearing Location: Olympia OAH	

NATURE OF PROCEEDING

This is an adjudicative proceeding instituted at the request of the Appellant to challenge a decision by the Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC) to suspend the Appellant's certificate of authority effective August 30, 2005. The suspension was lifted effective September 6, 2005.

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AGREEMENTS

- 1. **Hearing:** The full hearing will take place on March 14, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The location of the hearing will be the Office of Administrative Hearings, 2420 Bristol Court SW, Olympia, Washington, 98504. For directions see http://www.oah.wa.gov/Olympia.htm. The parties expect the hearing will take up to one day.
- 2. **Exchange of Exhibits and Witness Lists:** March 1, 2006, was set as the deadline for each party to file with the Office of Administrative Hearings a list of proposed witnesses, a list of proposed exhibits, and copies of proposed exhibits. Lists and copies must be provided to the opposing party on this same date. OIC's exhibits shall be premarked starting with number "1", with exhibit and page numbers on the bottom right corner of each page (for example, "Exhibit 1, page 1"; "Exhibit 1, page 2"). The Appellant's exhibits shall be premarked starting with the letter "A", with exhibit and page numbers on the bottom right corner of each page (for example, "Exhibit A, page 1"; "Exhibit A, page 2"). The exhibit list must specify the following for each proposed exhibit: the title or a description of the document, the date of the document, and the number of pages in the document. The witness lists shall include the witnesses' telephone numbers and a brief summary of the witnesses' expected testimony. March 6, 2006 was set as the deadline for each party to file with the Office of Administrative Hearings a list of proposed witnesses, a list of proposed rebuttal exhibits, copies of

Prehearing Order - Page 2 Docket No. 2005-INS-0005 proposed rebuttal exhibits, and their rebuttal witness lists. The administrative law judge may reject documents and witnesses that have not been properly filed and identified by the deadline. To ensure that documents are placed with the proper file, the parties must include the docket number on their exhibit and witness lists and other documents sent to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

3. Address of OAH: Documents mailed to the Office of Administrative Hearings must be addressed to the following post office box:

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Documents hand-carried or sent by courier should be directed to the following street address: Office of Administrative Hearings, 2420 Bristol Court SW, Olympia, WA, 98504-2489. Do not mail documents to that street address, because the postal service will not deliver mail to the street address.

4. Continuance Requests: The parties are expected to diligently prepare for the hearing. No continuances (delays) of the hearing date will be granted unless an administrative law judge (ALJ) determines there is good cause. WAC 10-08-090. All continuance requests should be made as soon as the party is aware of the need. A party requesting a continuance must first contact the other party to find out if the other party will agree to a continuance. If the parties agree to a continuance, the ALJ will grant the request, unless the ALJ finds that good cause for a continuance does not exist. Continuance requests made within five business days of the scheduled hearing will normally be denied, unless there is an unforeseen emergency. If the parties do not

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<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That the above recital of agreements control the proceeding unless modified by the assigned administrative law judge on his or her own motion or on the motion of a party.

SERVED on the date of mailing.

Rebekah R. Ross

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

PURSUANT TO RCW 34.05.431 AND WAC 10-08-130, A PARTY HAS TEN DAYS TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THIS ORDER. IN THE ABSENCE OF A TIMELY OBJECTION, THIS ORDER SHALL CONTROL THE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS MODIFIED FOR GOOD CAUSE BY SUBSEQUENT ORDER.

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OUT OF THURSTON)

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, to each party to the proceeding or his or her attorney or authorized agent.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, this <u>18th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 2006.

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